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SUMMARY: DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR REGRETS THAT FONMIN GULDBERG WILL NOT ATTEND OTTAWA MINISTERIAL AND IS CONTINUING TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS DECISION BE REVERSED. HE IS NOT SANGUINE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WILL
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BE A CHANGE. HE IS STRONGLY OF THE VIEW THAT THE

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POLITICAL DIRECTORS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY PRIVATE
OR RESTRICTED MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH DCM MAY 30, MFA POLITICAL
DIRECTOR BORCH EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS AT THE FACT
THAT FONMIN GULDBERG WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE NATO
MINISTERIAL AT OTTAWA. BORCH ECHOED PERMANENT UNDER
SECRETARY EIGEL JORGENSEN (COPENHAGEN 1336) BUT WENT
FURTHER IN STATING THAT HE HAD NOT YET ENTIRELY GIVEN
UP HOPE OF HAVING THE DECISION REVERSED. HE ADMITTED
FRANKLY THAT HE WAS PUSHING A BOULDER UPHILL SINCE THERE
IS A STRONG FEELING WITHIN THE GOVT (NOT FURTHER IDENTI-
FIED) THAT THE FONMIN MUST BE WITH THE SOVEREIGN WHEN SHE
TRAVEL OFFICIALLY ABROAD. EVEN THIS MIGHT BE SIDESTEPPED,
BORCH SAID, IF THE TWO DAYS OF THE QUEEN'S STAY IN
BONN DID NOT COINCIDE PRECISELY WITH THE DAYS OF THE
NATO MEETING IN OTTAWA. HE COULD IMAGINE THAT THE
FOREIGN MINISTER COULD DUCK THE TOUR AROUND THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC BUT HE WAS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME PERSUADING
THOSE CONCERNED THAT THE FONMIN NEED NOT BE PRESENT
DURING THE QUEEN'S STAY IN THE GERMAN CAPITAL. FUR-
THERMORE, BORCH SAID, IT IS CURIOUS BUT TRUE THAT
GULDBERG, WHO KNOWS A GOOD DEAL ABOUT FRANCE AND
BRITIAN, HAS HAD ALMOST NO DEALINGS WITH GERMANY AND
KNOWS VERY LITTLER ABOUT THAT COUNTRY, WHICH IS OF COURSE
OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DENMARK. THIS IS ANOTHER ARGUI-
MENT FOR GUDBERG'S GOING WITH THE QUEEN, ALTHOUGH IT
IS SOMEWHAT WEAKENDED BY THE FACT THAT FONMIN GENSCHER
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SPEND MUCH TIME WITH HIS DANISH
COLLEAGUE BECAUSE OF HIS TRIP TO OTTAWA.

2. DCM ASKED WHETHER ANY THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO
THE ROLE WHICH MIGHT BE PLAYED IN THIS SITUATION BY THE
FORMER FONMIN WHO WAS NOW IN THE ABINET, VIZ.,
PRIMIN HARTLING. BORCH SMILED AND SAID THAT HIS MIND
HAD RUN ALONG THESE LINES BUT THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNEW,
HARTLING WOULD BE UNABLE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AT THIS
TIME.

3. IF, AS NOW APPEARS LIKELY, DEFENSE MINISTER BRONDUM
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IS TO BE THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MINISTERIAL, HE
WILL REQUIRE ALL THE ASSISTANCE HE CAN GET, ACCORDING TO
BORCH. FROM THE DANISH POINT OF VIEW THIS MAKES IT
VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS (BORCH WILL
BE IN OTTAWA) BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINISTERS'
PRIVATE SESSIONS ALONG WITH THE PERMREPS. HE THOUGHT
THIS WAS ESSENTIAL, IF ONLY FOR NOTE-TAKING PURPPOSES.

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4. COMMENT: BORCH LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT WHILE
HE WAS STILL URGING THAT FONMIN GULDBERG GO TO OTTAWA,
HE REGARDED HIS CHANGES OF CHANING THE PRESENT DECISION
AS SLIM. HE CONSIDERS BRONDUM, AS WE DO, A BRIGHT
AND ATTRACTIVE MINISTER, WITH ALMOST NO EXPOSURE TO
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FROM THIS ANGLE, IT WOULD SEEM
IMPORTANT FOR THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO BE INCLUDED IN
THE PRIVATE SESSIONS; WE ASSUME THE DANES WILL PUSH
THIS POINT STRONGLY.
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